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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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"Sir, We Would See Jesus"

By Dr. John R. Rice

"And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: the same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus." —John 12:20, 21

The Grecian Jews who came up to worship at the feast, and longed to see the Lord Jesus, are typical of thousands of others in every age who hunger to know Jesus, to find salvation and peace and forgiveness of sins.

It has become fashionable these days to say that you cannot have revivals any more, that sinners are harder to win than ever. There are many alibis these days for not winning souls. A woman in Philadelphia told me, "Oh, how I would love to win souls! But I cannot do it here for all about us are only Roman Catholics." In Brooklyn people told me, "What you say about soul winning does not fit here, because our neighbors are all Catholics and Jews." People in Chicago told me that we could not have revivals in the North like we did in the South—that southerners were easy to reach but it was not so in the North. And in Toronto I was warned, "You need not expect to see people saved here like you do in the States. People are more conservative in Canada." And at least a hundred pastors, I suppose, have lamented to me that their fields of labor were each one, "A very peculiar situation," or "People here are more indifferent than they are elsewhere."

The plain, simple fact, clearly taught in the Scripture, is that millions of people have hungry hearts and are ready to hear the gospel. All people everywhere are sinners, with a bent to sinning—but a deep unrest, or the wages of sin, or the fear of death, or the heartache of a great bereavement, or the influence of serious illness—all these lead men to cry out for God and peace of heart and assurance of salvation from sin and a home in Heaven.

The Saviour said, "The harvest is great, but the labourers are few" (Luke 10:2). Jesus was simply saying that everywhere, in all ages and all climes, among all races and in every strata of society, there are many, many hungry hearts who long for what a Christian has, and who can be won if we go to them with our gospel!

How Many Bible Cases There Were of Hungry Hearts Seeking Salvation!

How well Jesus knew the human heart! We are told that He "needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man" (John 2:25). I think that river of compassion that welled up in the heart of the Saviour and flowed continually grew out of His knowledge of the longings of the human heart. He looked on the people, restless, unsatisfied, like sheep having no shepherd. He knew, even far better than did the people themselves, the inexpressible longings, the sad remorse, the haunting fears, the longing for peace that welled up in hearts around Him. And Jesus found that many people sought Him out and longed to be saved.

There was a woman who came in, uninvited, to kneel behind Jesus as He reclined on a couch at dinner in the home of Simon the Pharisee, as we are told in Luke 7:36-50. She was a sinful woman, we suppose an abandoned harlot. Certainly she was notorious.

She could not put into words the longing of her heart for purity, for forgiveness, and yet as she wept over the feet of the Saviour and then wiped the tears from His dusty feet with her hair, Jesus knew all her heart. He read her penitence. He saw her face and said to her, "Thy sins are forgiven." And again He said, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." She was one of those whose wordless cry was, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

But if that poor, sinful woman was down-and-out, Zacchaeus, the rich publican, was up-and-out. In Luke 19:2-4 we are told,

"And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way."

As Jesus walked down the road, He was looking for men like Zacchaeus; I wish I always were! Jesus looked up in the tree and said to Zacchaeus, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house."

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Lame Feet

By James H. McConkey

widely known Bible teacher, now with the Lord

"And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? . . . And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet." —II Sam. 9:1, 3.

The Old Testament contains some of the most beautiful pictures of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that we find anywhere, and in the lovely story in the ninth chapter of Second Samuel we have a wonderful picture of the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

King David was coming into his kingdom. You remember he had a pitiless foe in Saul, yet, as he comes now to the kingdom, he asks if there are not any descendants of Saul,—not to put them to death as most heathen kings would have done, but in order that he might show the kingdom of God to him. So they bring in a young man named Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan and therefore the grandson of Saul. David places him in his kingdom at his table, covers his lame feet with these tokens of his grace and tells him that from now on he is to share

the beauty of the King throughout his life. It is a story, dear friends, that is full of beautiful lessons for us. The first one I draw is that—

Every Christian Knows About Lame Feet

A very distinguished preacher, somewhat after the modern order, said a couple of years ago that Jesus Christ came to reveal the hidden splendors in the human soul, and I turned, as he told of it, to the fifth chapter of Galatians to notice God's picture of the hidden splendors in the human soul and here it is:

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, (Continued on page 6)

Heaven Can Be YOURS!



The Way to Heaven Made Plain From God's Word!

By Robert L. Sumner
214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois

Dr. R. A. Torrey tells of talking with a young society lady at New Haven, Connecticut, when suddenly she interrupted him to say, "Don't talk that way; it makes me think and I hate to think." This sin-weary world is filled with folks who hate to think, somehow supposing that by thus ignoring the issue of salvation everything will eventually turn out all right for eternity. Nothing could be farther from the truth and I earnestly urge you to think seriously with me for a few moments about missing Hell and gaining Heaven.

Everyone wants to go to Heaven! No one in his right mind desires an eternal home in Hell's house of horrors. The only man in my entire ministry—he was in the Livingston, Illinois, county jail at the time—who told me that he definitely wanted to go to Hell was judged insane and taken to a State Hospital three days later. I know I am expressing your choice when I say that you desire to reach Heaven eventually.

Yet, as the Negro slaves sang while chopping their Alabama cotton, "Heab'n, Heab'n; Ev'ry-

body talk about Heab'n ain't goin' there, Heab'n, Heab'n." Jesus Christ Himself is the authority for teaching that more people will miss Heaven and end up in Hell than will make Heaven. He said in Matthew 7:13, 14:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Since this is a subject of utmost seriousness—the most im-

portant one you will ever consider—it is vital that we start at the root of the matter and note first,

I. SIN, the Bar to Heaven!

Some might question, "Why doesn't God just let everyone into Heaven when they die and be done with it? What keeps anyone out of Heaven?" The answer is sin!

Consider how plainly the Bible declares that sin shuts Heaven's doors to every guilty sinner. After God gives that glorious picture of Heaven in the 21st chapter of Revelation, describing the gates of pearl, the streets of pure gold like transparent glass and the walls of jasper, He warns:

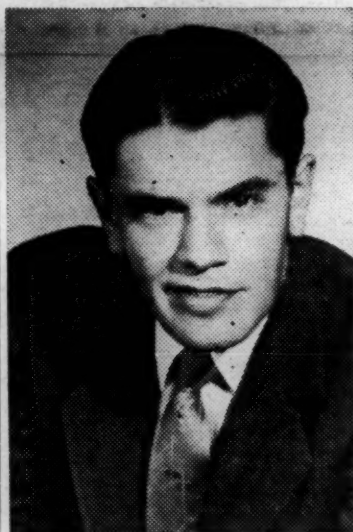
"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." —Rev. 21:27.

Notice the expression, "in no wise!" God will permit no sin or sinner in Heaven under any circumstance whatsoever. In the next chapter, the last in the Bible, after again describing some of the glories of Heaven, He declares:

"For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." —Rev. 22:15.

Again we have the strong insistence of the Almighty that ev-

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Evangelist Robert L. Sumner

Bearers of the Name

By Walter Hughes, B.A., M.B.E.
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"The Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." —Acts 9:15.

It is my desire now to place special emphasis on four words in this text. They are brief words and yet weighty words. Two of the words of the phrase have only two letters and the other two have but four, and yet the phrase is packed with power. This is the part of the verse of which I am thinking and where I desire to place the emphasis—"TO BEAR MY NAME."

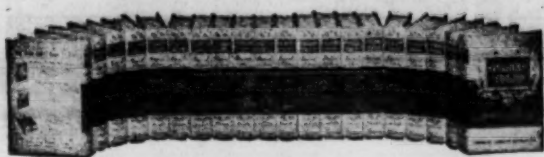
Surely no phrase could more exactly or emphatically epitomize the true task of a minister or a missionary than this. These young people to whom I especially speak at this time are soon to stand in the front line of God's army. They will be serving Him in many places at home and abroad. When the day is dark, the heart heavy, and the road rough, remember wherever you are that you are there

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Dr. Walter Hughes

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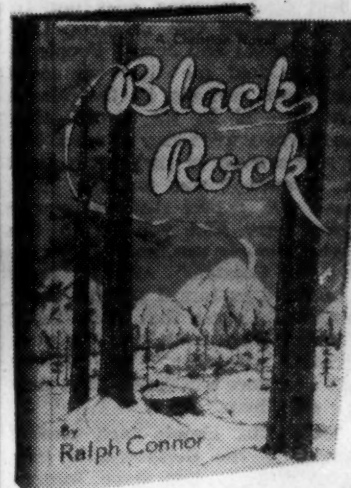
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With a song: for a song is a beautiful thing!

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Let it not be for this alone,
Lest fruitless I be when the day is gone;
Touch Thou my lips; Thy beauty let me see,
And fill my heart with love eternally,
That men may come to know and adore Thee;
Lord, this prayer I bring;
Lord, for Thee I sing!

—Don Hustad

Isn't that a wonderful verse for singers? It ought to be our prayer each time we sing that through the singing "men may come to know and adore Thee." Mr. Hustad is the very capable director of music at Moody Bible Institute and he is making a great contribution to the musical Christian life of our time through his arranging, directing, recording, and certainly through the lives of the young people he leads. We thank God for him.

Record Time

I want to mention a few long-play records this time. All these are 33 1/3 RPM, but some are obtainable in other speeds. Some of the most recent are treasured in our collection. One of the best is a new twelve-inch nonbreakable record of "The Crucifixion" by Sir John Stainer. Many of you will be familiar with this oratorio through the chorus so many choirs have sung, *God So Loved the World*. I can assure you that the rest of it is just as thrilling as that anthem from it. I'm glad Word Records has brought it out so we can hear this wonderful music in our homes. My particular favorite is another chorus, with solo, called *Fling Wide the Gates*. These are the words:

"Fling wide the gates! For the Saviour waits to tread in His royal way.

He has come from above, in His power and love, to die on this Passion day.

His cross is the song of a love divine, His crown is the thorn-wreath of woe.

He bears His load on the sorrowful road, and bends 'neath the burden low.

"How sweet is the grace of His sacred face, and lovely beyond compare.

Though weary and worn with the merciless scorn of a world He has come to spare.

The burden of wrong that earth bears along, past evil, and evil to be,

All sins of man, since the world began, they are laid, dear Lord, on Thee.

"Then on to the end, my God and my Friend, with Thy banner lifted high!

Thou art come from above in Thy power and love, to endure and suffer and die.

Fling wide the gates! Then on to the end, my God and my Friend, to suffer, endure, and die."

The words are wonderful all the way through; many are composed of Scripture, others written by Rev. J. Sparrow-Simpson in a lovely literary style. (Word W 4006-LP)

Redd Harper Sings and Plays

is the title of a new 12-inch album put out by Alma Records. You'll like this, if you're like me! Redd sings only to let the Lord speak to hearts through him, and these songs will do just that—*The Answer Man, The Deep Hidden Valley, He Leadeth Me, Lord Have Mercy on my Soul, My Jesus I Love Thee, Five Minutes More, Come With Your Heartache*, and six more. It's Alma Record LP RH-1257, with an outstanding gold and red jacket.

Frank Boggs Sings for You

I have told you before in this column about the lovely voice of Frank Boggs—so I'll just tell you that Word Records has a new 12-inch LP record by him, too. (W 3004-LP). The background is by Don Hustad and his chorale in arrangements that really spice up and enrich these songs. There is really variety in this album—spirituals (*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; Were you There?*) Semis-classics (*Bless This House; The Prayer Perfect*); Patriotic numbers (*Battle Hymn of the Republic; America the Beautiful; God of Our Fathers*) and a folk song (*I Wonder as I Wander*)... with four hymns and gospel songs. Mighty fine listening!

Zondervan's Singspiration Treasure Chest Series

The Zondervans have gone into the Christian record field as enthusiastically and successfully as they have distributed books, and all record lovers are the gainers in their Singspiration Treasure Chest Series. Many who enjoy Dr. DeHaan's Radio Bible Class will want the new album (LP 130) of music by the Bible Class Quartet. The same good blend and prayerful renditions you are accustomed to on radio characterize this album of 8 quartet favorites: *We Shall Shine as the Stars; Beauty for Ashes; Transformed; The Pearly White City; Speak My Lord; Rich-*

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

(NOTE: We are happy to publish honest reports of blessed revivals from trustworthy evangelists and churches. However, if you send us your report for publication, PLEASE give exact statistics, as far as possible, concerning conversions, rededications, additions, etc., or we may not print it. We especially appreciate reports from pastors and chairmen of union campaigns.)

EVANGELIST WALTER A. LEPP June 17 closed a two-weeks' revival campaign with 11 churches in Chetek, Wisconsin. There were 25 conversions and "at least 50 renewals of faith." Brother Lepp has had wide radio and pas-



Evangelist Walter A. Lepp

toral experience, served as an evangelist of the Brethren Church with headquarters at Winona Lake. We believe him to be sound in the faith and spiritual and hope will be kept busy. He may be addressed at Box 265, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Sword of the Lord EVANGELIST WALT HANDFORD recently conducted a revival campaign with

es of Love; I Want to Be Ready, and Good Night and Good Morning. We've enjoyed this one at our house.

Beverly Shea is still a magic name in the field of Christian music, and his new album, "Singing I Go," contains favorites you'll be singing too. Singspiration LP-131 contains: *Singing I Go; Roll Jordan Roll; That Old-Fashioned Home; Jesus Whispers Peace; The Unveiled Christ; Were You There?* (Continued on page 4)

Rev. Philip LaBue and the Bennett Baptist Church of Bennett, Colorado. During the revival there were 7 conversions and several rededications. Attendance was good and many lost people came to the meetings. One family was saved one night and then brought 27 people with them the next night! One fine young man made application to Bob Jones University as a result of the meetings.

Sword of the Lord EVANGELIST KEN CHAPMAN recently conducted a revival campaign with the Boulevard Heights Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. The Rev. Francis Chilton is the pastor of this suburban church. During the campaign there were 19 conversions, 36 rededications, and 7 families who pledged themselves to daily worship in the home.

Evangelist Ken Chapman is foreman of the Bill Rice Ranch, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, but is going to allow more time this fall for revival campaigns. Interested pastors may write directly to Evangelist Chapman or to Evangelist Bill Rice, Director, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

Sword of the Lord EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS recently conducted a revival campaign with the Prairie Lee Bible Church of Prairie Lee Lake, Missouri. There were 14 conversions, 7 rededications, and 5 family altars started as a result of the meeting. The pastor and people felt that this was the best revival campaign in the history of the church. The work is a small one and located in a thinly populated locality but the young pastor, Rev. Jerry Church, is a godly young man of blessed ability and Evangelist Wells believes the church will continue to grow and prosper.

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Noteworthy NEWS Notes

Illinois EWA Has Aided Thousands in Past Six Years

Some 500 friends and well-wishers attended the sixth anniversary dinner of the Evangelical Welfare Agency held in the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, and heard Dr. Harold L. Lundquist, executive director, report that the Agency had served thousands of children and families since its inception.

Dr. Lundquist declared: "The thrill of seeing needy, forlorn and neglected little children transformed by proper care and love into happy, healthy, well-adjusted boys and girls is the great reward for our labors." Many of the foster and adoptive parents and their children were present. The executive director outlined plans for the future of EWA.

Dr. Lundquist, formerly pastor of the First Evangelical Church, Chicago, assumed the directorship of EWA May 1, 1952. A Gipsy Smith convert, he has been described as "a king-sized Christian gentleman with a king-sized heart built-in." He has been vitally interested in Christian social work for more than 30 years.

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Grace Notes

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and If We Could See Beyond Today.

I've told you about Ronnie Avalone before; now there's a Zondervan record called "The Holy City" (ZLP-500) which features Mr. Avalone in two duets with Mrs. Avalone. I've discovered the Way of Gladness, and Deep Down in my Heart. In addition Mr. Avalone sings *The Holy City*, *The Lord Is My Light*, *And This I Know*, and *The Lord's Prayer*. Good numbers, all, and pleasantly done.

Record of the Month

One more record that can't be left out—it's the favorite of the better half of my family! A record by Alma of songs by Earle Anderson includes so many favorites I'll have to name them all. It's LP EA-73 with: *I'll Walk With God*; *The Lord's Prayer*; *A Mighty Fortress*; *Faith of Our Fathers*; *What a Friend*; *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*; *Bless This House*; and *America the Beautiful*.

I'll Walk With God is one of our favorites, but the whole record is good and we heartily recommend it. You can hardly put songs like *Bless This House* and *The*

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every sinner must remain "without" Heaven. That lovely unspoiled, unspotted city will not be tarnished or polluted with the single sin of a single sinner. So in order to protect His Paradise and keep it pure, every sinner must be denied access to it.

If God allowed a sinner to enter Heaven, that sinner would sin. A Hitler or a Bulganin would not be in Heaven long before he started a revolution. Confidence men would soon be trying to sell some prospective sucker a golden street. Liars would unceasingly be endeavoring to deceive the redeemed, the angels, and even God Himself. The adulterers would attempt to satisfy their passions if only through the thoughts of their hearts (Matt. 5:27, 28). In Revelation 22:11 God explains this truth about sinners continuing to sin forever, saying, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still." Therefore, if one sinner entered Heaven he would soon spoil it by his transgressions. Heaven must be kept "off limits" for unredeemed sinners.

In I Corinthians 6:9, 10, the Word of God declares:

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

The same truth is stated in Ephesians 5:5, 6:

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you

Lord's Prayer and A Mighty Fortress in second or third place!

All the Alma records mentioned above can be ordered through Sword of the Lord Publishers. If you'd like to send your orders to me, or ask for more information, I'll gladly pass on to Word Records or Zondervan your request.

I have really left out the ladies' voices this time! Not to mention two albums of Rudy Atwood's piano solos and one of Lew Charles at the NBC pipe organ. Well—there's always next time!

It's been good to be with you this month. See you here in August!

with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

Another strong emphasis of this truth is found in Galatians 5:19-21 where we read:

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Sin, a Universal Fact

Perhaps you are one of the many who seek to still the pricking of your conscience by telling yourself that you have never killed, never committed adultery, never robbed a bank, never defrauded a neighbor, or committed any of the so-called "baser sins." Then let me remind you that God classifies hatred with murder, envy with adultery, strife with drunkenness, and anger with witchcraft in the above scriptural condemnation.

He has further stated,

"... for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."—Rom. 3:22, 23.

No difference! No difference between the society queen and the scarlet woman! No difference between the president and the pauper! No difference between the community leader and the common thief! If you are a moral, self-righteous woman who has never trusted Christ, you are on the same level before God with the worst fallen woman of sin who plies her trade on ignorant, foolish men. If you are a man without Christ, no matter how highly esteemed in your community or respected by your associates, you are on the same level before God with the worst drunkard and dope addict who ever staggered into a rescue mission begging for free soup and a place to sleep. No difference!

There may be differences in the degree of sin and the amount of sin, but in the fact that both are guilty sinners whom God is forced to shut out of Heaven, there is no difference!

How abundant are the scriptural statements that all stand guilty before God as sinners deserving a just condemnation in an eternal Hell of torment!

"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."—Eccles. 7:20.

"God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. EVERY ONE of them is gone back: they are ALTOGETHER become filthy; there is NONE that doeth good, no, NOT ONE."—Ps. 53:2, 3.

"How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?"—Job 15:16.

"ALL we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned EVERY ONE to his own way..."—Isa. 53:6.

"As it is written, There is NONE righteous, no, NOT ONE: There is NONE that understandeth, there is NONE that seeketh after God. They are ALL gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is NONE that doeth good, no, NOT ONE."—Rom. 3:10-12.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us... If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."—I John 1:8, 10.

Some have sinned more than the average, some have sinned less, but every one has sinned and thereby "become guilty before God" (Rom. 3:19). To deny it is to deceive yourself and in addition commit the terrible crime of calling God a liar! It was Christ Himself who said, "there is none

good but one, that is, God" (Matt. 19:17). God's conclusion is that you and I are both sinners and that our sins have shut the door of Heaven to us.

Sin Must Be Paid for by Someone!

Sin must be settled. There must be a penalty for disobedience. Some suggest that God merely pardons sin without any payment, any settling or making right. Others tell us that since God is love He will never send any of His creatures to an eternal Hell of unending torment.

But human reason unites with Divine revelation in decrying such a foolish philosophy. Can you imagine what your city would be like if there were no penalty for the broken law? Suppose there were no policemen, no jails, no sentence or penalty executed against the rapist, the thief, the murderer, the seditionist, and the criminals of various descriptions? What would a state be like with no penalty for the breaker of its laws? What would a nation be like in such circumstances? What would the world be like in such a hopeless condition?

All reason cries that sin must be punished and that law-breakers must be separated from the innocent so they cannot ply their evil upon them. It is exactly the same with God and His laws! The Scriptures rightly insist, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4, 20). It is not unjust for Him to declare that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). The eternal principle ever must remain:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—Gal. 6:7.

It would not be right or possible for sinners to sin and remain unpunished.

From the many Scriptures thus far considered we have seen the following positive Bible conclusions:

- (1) All sin and every sinner must be barred from Heaven;
- (2) Every person on earth is a sinner guilty before God;
- (3) Therefore the door of Heaven must be shut to every single individual, with no exceptions, unless his sin is completely and entirely removed.

But, thank God, all is not hopeless! The same Word of God gloriously, joyfully announces to all the world the blessed truth,

II. CHRIST, the Way to Heaven!

In the 14th chapter of John the Saviour told His disciples about the wonderful Heaven He was going to prepare. When Thomas asked that all-important question everyone desires to have answered, "How can we know the way?" the Lord replied:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:6.

Notice that Christ is the way to Heaven and the only way! No individual can ever go to the Father or the Father's house of many mansions except by Jesus Christ! Paul's epistle to the church at Colosse describes it—"... Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). No one can have a sure hope of Heaven without Christ in his heart!

Christ's Death Opened Heaven to Guilty Sinners

How could Christ open Heaven's barred doors for wicked sinners? By paying personally the penalty (Continued on page 5)

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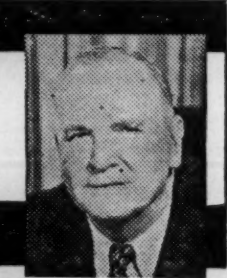
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of their sins! This He did at the cross of Calvary, making it possible for God to remain just and yet justify the ungodly who receive Christ as their Saviour (Rom. 3:26).

Isaiah looked down through the centuries to God's sacrifice at Calvary and wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God:

"Surely he hath borne OUR griefs, and carried OUR sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for OUR transgressions, he was bruised for OUR iniquities: the chastisement of OUR peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed . . . and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isa. 53:4-6.

Scores of other Scriptures unite in telling the glorious gospel story of a Saviour who offered Himself a sacrifice for sinners and paid the penalty of the condemnation they justly deserved. The Bible says:

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."—I Pet. 2:24.

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.

"And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin."—I John 3:5.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."—I Pet. 3:18.

"In whom we have redemption THROUGH HIS BLOOD, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."—Eph. 1:7.

Oh, dear reader, thank God again and again that His lovely Son left the glories of Heaven, coming to earth and taking upon Himself the outward form of a servant (Phil. 2:7), that He might "give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). The Bible expresses it:

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."—Phil. 2:8.

Sin had placed an uncrossable chasm between man and Heaven but Jesus Christ bridged that gulf with His cross. Sin had built a wall between God and man so tremendous that, in the words of the old Negro spiritual,

My Lord, it's so high, Can't get over it;
So wide, Can't go around it;
So low, Can't get under it.

But the Son of God used His cross as a spiritual battering ram to blast a hole through that wall big enough to let the vilest sinner through. Now all who will come by the way of the cross and its Christ can enter into fellowship with God.

Calvary's Sacrifice Sufficient for Any, All!

Now none have an excuse for missing Heaven and entering Hell since any and all can be saved forever by trusting Christ. The meanest man, the wickedest woman, the most defiled youth, all can find forgiveness and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. The standing offer of God is: "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37), and, "whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

Anyone can be saved and gain Heaven who wants to be saved! Earlier we reminded you of God's vow that no fornicator, idolater, adulterer, thief, drunkard, or sinner of any kind (I Cor. 6:9, 10) will enter Heaven. But in the very next verse He declared:

"And such were some of you: but ye are WASHED, but ye are SANCTIFIED, but ye are JUSTIFIED in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."—I Cor. 6:11.

Yes, sinners of every description—guilty of every conceivable sin—can find pardon and forgiveness in the Lord Jesus Christ. I do not know you or what sins you have committed, but on the authority of the infallible Word of God I positively guarantee that you can be forgiven and saved by trusting Christ!

The poet was right when he cried:

The blood that purchased our release
And purged our crimson stains;
We challenge earth and Hell to show
One sin it cannot cleanse!

The Word of God expresses it, "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from ALL sin" (I John 1:7).

John Newton, the man who wrote one of the sweetest songs of all time, "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!" had been guilty of every sin known to mankind in his days as a drunken rum runner and slave trader in the South Sea islands. Yet his own epitaph, hung over a century ago on the north wall of the Woolnoth Chapel, is:

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He will do the same for you that He did for John Newton and countless thousands of other guilty, Hell-deserving sinners down through the ages. Sin is the bar to Heaven but the atoning death of Christ opens the way to Heaven for all who want it.

Do you ask how this salvation offered by Christ can be yours? Then follow the Scriptures carefully as they unfold,

III. FAITH, the Key to Heaven!

Here is a strange thing exceedingly difficult for the natural mind to understand: salvation is by faith alone, completely apart from any human merit. The average person supposes that Heaven is gained by good deeds, works of righteousness, religious acts, exceptional morality, or other forms of righteous achievement. But the Bible is crystal clear that such is not the case and that it is absolutely impossible to earn or merit Heaven.

Ephesians 2:8, 9 tells us:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the gift of God: NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast."

And Titus 3:5-7 reminds those already saved of how it happened:

"NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH WE HAVE DONE, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Augustus M. Toplady was right when he wrote in his beloved hymn, "Rock of Ages,"

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy laws demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

The Bible Way Is the Faith Way

Throughout the entire Word of God the only plan of salvation taught is that sin is forgiven and eternal life received only by faith. Over and over God guarantees a home in Heaven to all who will believe in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Consider just a few of the plain statements:

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever BELIEVETH IN HIM shall receive remission of sins."—Acts 10:43.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST, even we have BELIEVED IN JESUS CHRIST, that we might be justified by THE FAITH OF CHRIST, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."—Gal. 2:16.

"... Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—Acts 16:30, 31.

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is BY FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST unto all and upon all them that BELIEVE . . . Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation THROUGH FAITH IN HIS BLOOD, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which BELIEVETH IN JESUS . . . Therefore we conclude that a man is JUSTIFIED BY FAITH without the deeds of the law."—Rom. 3:20-22, 24-26, 28.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever BELIEVETH IN HIM should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever BELIEVETH IN HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that BELIEVETH ON HIM is not condemned: but he that BELIEVETH NOT is condemned already, because he hath not BELIEVED in the name of the only begotten son of God."—John 3:14-18.

"He that BELIEVETH ON THE SON hath everlasting life: and he that BELIEVETH NOT the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 3:36.

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him ALL THAT BELIEVE are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."—Acts 13:38, 39.

Don't you see, dear reader, that salvation is merely a matter of accepting what God has provided through the finished work of His Son at Calvary? A home in Heaven will be yours the moment you will trust Him to forgive your sins and take you to Heaven. Can you trust Him? Can you risk Him, who cannot lie (Titus 1:2), to do what He said He would do for all who receive Christ as their personal Saviour? It is simply a matter of taking God at His Word.

The great reformer, Martin Luther, was asked on one occasion if he felt his sins had been forgiven. That mighty man of faith replied, "No, I do not feel they are forgiven, but I know that they are because God says so in His Word!" That's it exactly! God has promised salvation to all who will receive His Son as their personal Saviour. Now, if you will receive Christ, salvation and Heaven will be yours according to the very Word of God! He died to make your salvation possible; will you let Him save you?

God Is Helpless to Save Those Who Reject Christ

Before I close this message I must warn you that the finished work of Christ at Calvary is absolutely worthless and meaningless for the individual who refuses to receive Him. God reminds us in Hebrews 10:26, 27:

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more [lit. "no

other"] sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."

There is no other way of salvation for the individual who scorns the sacrifice Christ made at Calvary through His death, burial and resurrection.

One of the strangest cases in American history centered around a young man named George Wilson during the administration of President Stonewall Jackson. Wilson was a railway mail clerk in Pennsylvania when he faked a robbery, killed his fellow mail clerk, stole the registered mail, and then somehow tied himself up. When they found him and his dead companion at the end of the line he told them a wild story about being overpowered by bandits. Discrepancies were found in his account and eventually he confessed the whole sordid story.

Sentenced to death by hanging, he was sent to Leavenworth to await the date of execution. However, friends circulated petitions in his behalf and stirred up public opinion to such an extent that President Jackson eventually signed a pardon to free him.

Summoned into the warden's office and told the news, Wilson startled the world by refusing to accept it and insisting that he be hung according to the court's decision. The amazed warden called in top legal advice for consultation and eventually the problem reached the Supreme Court.

In a unanimous decision, that top legal body declared a pardon to be unqualifiedly ineffective until accepted by the party involved. One of America's ablest lawyers and the third Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, John Marshall, wrote in the decision:

A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon its acceptance by the person implicated. It is hardly to be supposed that one under sentence of death would refuse to accept a pardon, but if it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must hang.

The same is true spiritually! You are a sinner under the sentence of sin, condemned to an eternal Hell. It is hardly to be supposed that you, in your right mind, would reject the pardon of God's love which His Son Jesus Christ provided at Calvary. But if you do, it is no pardon and the atonement is worse than worthless in your case—you must pay the penalty of your own sin in Hell forever!

Don't Refuse God's Pardon, Trust Christ Now

Yes, Heaven can be yours! But you had better settle the matter right now before it is too late. Multifold are the warnings in the Word of God against putting off salvation. For example, He tells us:

"Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."—Prov. 27:1.

"He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."—Prov. 29:1.

"Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, TO DAY if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts . . .)"—Heb. 3:7, 8.

"Behold, NOW is the accepted

time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation."—II Cor. 6:2.

Decision for Christ

If you want to make sure of Heaven and will receive Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour today, please indicate it by signing the following decision form. Then, as soon as possible, let others know of the stand you have taken.

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lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies; Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

If that is the soul of hidden splendors that Jesus Christ came to reveal, it would be an unfortunate day for you and me. Every honest man and woman knows as they get a vision of their own natural heart, that theirs is not a heart filled with hidden splendors that Jesus Christ has come to reveal. If our innermost hearts were thrown on a screen just now, and all that is in them revealed, I wonder if we honestly think the picture would be a picture of hidden splendor? "In me (that is, my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing," and any earnest soul knows that the only hidden splendor in our natural human hearts is that of Colossians 1:27, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." It is the new life that comes in to us when we believe on Jesus Christ, that is the splendid life, spiritually speaking, and it is only on the stock of the new life of Christ in us that Jesus Christ can bear the fruitage that we can call splendid from God's viewpoint.

The King Showed Kindness to Mephibosheth for the Sake of Another

"Is there yet any . . . of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" said King David as he came to his kingdom.

I remember a very fine college story. It runs like this. A college class had come back many, many years afterward, for one of their late reunions. As they sat down to supper, the boys began to identify one another. One by one they ran down each man and revealed his identity, all but one man, a grey grizzled veteran, who sat with a smile on his face at their vain attempts to identify him. Finally he said, "Wait a moment until I bring out my boy." He went out; presently the door opened and he came in. He brought in a fine, handsome, upstanding boy, as like himself in the days of his college days as two peas. The boys all threw up their hands and with one voice shouted, "It is old Bill." He was so perfect a replica of his father in the days when he was in college that they instantly recognized him; they threw their arms around him, hugged him, feted him and feasted him for the sake of another.

So it was with King David. He saw more than the crippled boy that morning in the dim background. He saw the face of one that he loved, the face of a young man of whom the Book said that his love for David was passing the love of woman, the face of one who had saved David from many a murderous attack upon his life by his own father, the face of one whose soul clove to the soul of David, the face of one who had laid down his life on Gilboa for an unworthy father. As David saw Jonathan's face in that background, his heart went out in a great rush of tenderness and loving ministry to the crippled boy for the sake of another.

Do you ever wonder how God can love us as He does? We look at our own weakness, our frailties or indifference, our coldness and our failures, and we wonder how God can possibly love us as the Book pictures. Here is the secret. Back of us is the most awful background the world ever saw,—the picture of the Son of God hanging upon that murderous tree. This is the picture God sees in the background. He hears the hiss of the scourge; He hears the jeers and the mockery; He hears the cry, "He saved others; himself he cannot save." He hears the sobs of weeping women and the cries of little children. He hears the voice at last crying out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And God looks beyond us poor, stumbling, broken, faltering children and sees that face of all faces in the background. See where the Book says, "Be ye . . . tender hearted, forgiving one another as

God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." That is how God loves us, and that is why God loves us,—for the sake of another who loved us and gave Himself for us.

The King Said Nothing About Mephibosheth's Lame Feet —He Covered Them

He covered them with the table of his grace as Mephibosheth sat and hid his feet under that table. You remember that beautiful verse in Hebrews 10:17—"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Suppose some man has injured you, done you a grievous wrong. You say about it, "Well, I will forgive that wrong, but I never can forget it." Maybe it disturbs you. You are a child of God, you want to be right with God and perhaps it troubles you that though you have honestly forgiven, you feel you cannot forget. Think of this a moment. Forgiveness is purely an act of volition,—your own volition; you can and are expected by God to forgive, but forgetfulness is not under the control of your will. There is a marvelous law by which these plastic tablets of the brain will take an impression and you cannot banish it at will, and the child of God who honestly forgives, even though he cannot forget, is right with God. But, praise be to God, there is something God can do that you and I cannot. God can forgive and God has forgotten all those sins of our past life. "Thou has forgotten, O Lord" said a godly middle-aged saint: "Thou has forgotten all the sins I remember and thou dost remember all the good deeds I have forgotten." That is the beautiful grace of God.

Some Christians seem to think that they will meet their old unregenerated life when all those records of transgressions and sins are opened there at the judgment seat. How do you reconcile that with "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more"?

No, when God brings a man or woman to Christ Jesus, there is a new creation and God gives such a man or woman as brand-new a start as though he had never committed a sin. Do you believe that? Anything short of that dishonors the work of the blood of Jesus Christ. God gives the babe in Christ who comes to Christ as clean a sheet as a blank sheet of paper, gives him a brand-new start, with the memory of all the old sins of the old life blotted out. GOD COVERS,—that is what the word "atone" means,—covers our sinful past by the blood of Jesus Christ.

It is a solemn thing in these days to think of how men are seeking to banish that truth from the work of God. You remember that marvelous text in Revelation concerning John's vision, "And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne . . . stood a lamb as it had been slain" (Rev. 5:6), "slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8)—an atoning lamb for the iniquities of the past,—an atoning Christ who is kept for two thousand years in this Book that says He came as the lamb of God,—an atoning Christ in the midst of the throne of God in all the eternity that is to come. That is the picture of God's extent of covering of our sins, by Jesus Christ, the slain lamb of God. God will keep atonement before the eyes of the assembled universe through all the ages of eternity. He does not say anything about our lame feet,—all that old past life,—them He has covered with the blood of Jesus Christ.

I wonder if we think enough of what it cost to cover our lame feet. I stood one day at Niagara and I thought of that text in Isaiah 53:6, "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Then I remembered the marginal translation, "The Lord hath made to meet on him the iniquities of us all." I remembered the geologist said there was a cubic mile of water a day flowing over those two falls before which I was standing, and I thought of the untold millions of tons of water that were meeting at that precipice. I thought of Lake Erie with 200 feet of depth; of Lake Huron, with its 500 feet of depth; of Lake

Michigan, with its 600 feet of depth; of Lake Superior, with its 1000 feet of depth and 20,000 square miles of surface, and I thought of all that ocean of water meeting at that point and falling on the cruel, jagged rocks below with its tremendous impact, and then I thought of God causing all the sin of the world to meet on that devoted head, all the hatreds of the wars, the scisms, the lost, the impurities, the murders, everything in the catalog meeting on Jesus Christ's devoted head, "Who his own self bare our sins in HIS own body."

I confess I could not understand it, but I had to believe the awful statement that the sins of the world had met in penalty upon Him. Then I thought of this. You are a godly man, you walk with God all through your life; you have lived a clean life; some day, in a sudden moment of weakness, overcome by a sudden temptation, you commit a grievous sin. Can you imagine a greater horror in your soul than the consciousness of the guilt of a great sin in your life after you have lived a pure one? Well, can any human imagination conceive of what it must have meant in the soul of the only perfect man in the universe when He hung there, the lamb of God, bearing all the sins of the world? Yes, I know it is a mystery; I don't know how far Jesus Christ ever entered into the consciousness of that sin but it is appalling to think of what it must have been and what it cost Him to cover our lame feet today, with His shed blood, the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Mephibosheth Himself Said Nothing About His Own Lame Feet

He kept them under the King's table of grace, and rejoiced that he was shown kindness for the sake of another. It was not because he was not conscious of them; nobody in that city of Jerusalem knew his lameness better than he. I fancy many a time as he came down the streets of the city with his distorted feet swinging between his crutches, that the jeers and the scoffings and the sneers of the rabble were hurled at the boy; nobody knew more keenly and distressingly that he had lame feet than Mephibosheth, but he said nothing about them, just kept them under the King's table, and rejoiced that he was accepted in the beloved. "His grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved" (Eph. 1:6).

Christian people come to me and say to me, "My life is so cold, it is so indifferent, so fruitless, it must be offensive to God, it breaks me down and discourages me and hurts my service as I look at it." Well, dear friend, settle this forever. "In me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing" (Rom. 7:18). Settle it that you are a lame-footed folk; settle it that God knows it, and looks upon us with tender compassion; then put your lame feet under the King's table where they belong, and praise God that you are beloved and accepted and cleansed and forgiven and born of God and destined to glory for the sake of another.

I have a beloved sister. She has one son, a fine, handsome boy in the thirties. Suppose he should come into my office in Pittsburg, a perfect hobo in appearance, unkempt hair, shocking hat, torn shoes, shabby trousers. He sits down in my office; we chat a while. Then I say, "Come, Charles, I want you to go to lunch with me."

He looks up and says, "I cannot go to lunch with you, Uncle James."

I say: "Why?"

He says, "Look at my torn shoes; look at my trousers; look at my sore need of a haircut; look at my shabby tramp-like appearance; I cannot go to lunch with you."

I say, "No, my lad, I am not looking at these at all. I am looking at the beloved sister, whom I see with my eyes of love, back of you, and you are accepted in the beloved. That is why I want you to be with me."

We hurt ourselves; we mar our service; we bring ourselves into the place of disheartenedness and discouragement by centering our

eyes on our own spiritual lame-footedness. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him, For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust," yet He loveth us with an everlasting love, and has covered our lame feet with a token of His grace.

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The People at the Table Said Nothing About Mephibosheth's Lame Feet

We can search the chapters for any word of comment about the crippled boy's lame feet from the people who sat with him. Down deep in the human heart somehow there is a tendency to uncover the lame-footedness of other people, to drag forth into the garish day their foibles, and their weaknesses and their frailties, and to comment on them, usually with not much kindness of comment,—but that is not Christ-like, and that is not God's beautiful way. In the wonderful love chapter He says: Love "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things," that first word, "beareth," in the Greek Testament means "covereth." Love covereth all things. You say of your husband, "If he had thought a moment, he would never have done that." You say: "My boy would never have said that scorching thing if he had been himself." How quickly we would cover all the weaknesses of those whom we love. That is what God asks of us. Love "covereth all things" and David with Christ-like patience and love covered the boy's lame feet, said nothing about them, even as God for Christ's sake has covered ours.

Someone has said, "Test anything you are about to say about a friend by this threefold test: 'Is it true, is it loving, is it necessary?'" Is it true? If it is not, not one of us has a right to speak it. But it is not enough to speak the truth. People say, "Well, I am a man who speaks my mind." It is not enough to speak your mind. You may speak it so roughly and so cruelly and bluntly that you may stab to the heart some friend. It is not enough to speak the truth; you must speak the truth in love. Is it necessary? There are some things that are even true and loving that are not necessary to say. How much suffering and agony and broken-heartedness from the tongues of gossip and backbiting would be saved if we embodied that beautiful rule in our lives.

May these lessons from the lamefooted boy bring us peace and joy and rest, as we realize the atoning, covering, blessed work of God in Christ Jesus to us who sit today at the table of the King's grace, with all our lame-footedness out of sight, covered by His love.

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Bearers of the Name

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as a bearer of the Name. It will mean much in your ministry if this fact is ever in mind.

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Here is the principle privilege of being a preacher. It is to bear the Name. For any man or woman to succeed in a spiritual sense, either as a minister or a missionary, he or she must be altogether persuaded that the call is divine and definite. This must be a deep-rooted realization. There are too many trials and testings, too much darkness, and too many discouragements in the work of the Lord, whether at home or abroad, for anyone to tackle it unless they have an unmistakable conviction that God has commissioned them TO BEAR THE NAME. The real dignity of the Christian ministry doesn't come from a certain kind of an ecclesiastical cough, or a cut of clerical coat, or a special kind of clerical collar, but from a very clear heavenly call to bear the Name which is above every name.

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No angel from Heaven can share in this exalted privilege. No flaming seraphim is especially commissioned to walk among the sons of men representing the eternal Son of God. Angels must veil their faces and fold their wings at the mention of that Name. God has put His treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the glory may be of God and not of us.

I suggest that

There Is Sovereignty in That Name

Here we have one of the supreme qualities, or characteristics, of the Name. I read in Philippians 2:9-11: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

That shows the sovereign sway of the Name. I don't know whether the Devil has a knee or not but if he has, one day at the sound of the sovereign Name his knee will bow in subjection.

In Ephesians 1:20-22, we are told that God "set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come."

It is that sovereign Name we bear. It is a far more excellent Name than that of angels. Thrones may tumble, kings may topple into the dust, kingdoms rise and wane, but that Name forever shall endure. Time writes no wrinkles on His brow. It is the Name of the ancient of days, and that Name we bear. That is the privilege of being a preacher. Mighty oratorio, heavenly anthem in five letters—J-E-S-U-S!

There Is Salvation in the Name

These young folk are going out

into the world to bear the Name that is the death of demons. There is saving sway in the sound of the Name. "There is no other name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved."

Saul, at the sound of that name, became a new creation. See that man sitting at the beautiful gate of the Temple? He is beggarly, despised, helpless. Two bearers of the Name approach. Hear Peter say, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the NAME OF JESUS OF NAZARETH rise up and walk."

What is this commotion in the corridors of the Temple? It is a lame man walking and leaping and praising God. How did it happen? It was the power of the Name. What a privilege to preach the Name to the ends of the earth! It makes degenerates regenerate. It makes drunken sots saved and sober. Savages are made saints and cannibals Christians by the power of that wonderful Name.

I know of a world that is sunk in shame,

Where hearts oft faint and tire;

But I know of a Name, a precious Name

That can set this world on fire;

Its sound is so sweet,

Its letters flame,

I know of a Name, a precious Name,

'TIS JESUS.

There Is Sweetness in the Name

In the Song of Solomon, chapter one, we read, "Thy name is as ointment poured forth." These young folk are going out into the world to pour forth the Name, and they will discover how precious it is to sweeten the sour cup of men and women, not only in the centers of civilization, but in the hamlets and huts of heathenism. Flowers are sweet in a sickroom; the Name is sweeter still. That Name is like balsam to the soul. The one who bears that Name is fairer than the lily of the valley, sweeter than Sharon's rose, and altogether lovely.

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds,

In a believer's ear:

It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,

And drives away his fear.

There Is Sanctification in the Name

That Name has purging power for the preacher and the people. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

He saves a sinner from sin, but His people from their sins. One is salvation and the other is sanctification. We often hear of the fly in the ointment. There is no fly in the ointment of this Name. His Name is a holy Name, and He has said, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." The preacher must tread the path of personal purity. We must not only preach the Name, but we must practice the Name.

I cannot do it alone,

The waves run fast and high;

And the fogs close chill around,

And the light goes out of my sky;

But I know that we two shall win,

Jesus and I.

Coward and wayward and weak,

I change with the changing sky,

Today so eager and bright,

Tomorrow afraid to try;

But he never gives in, so we two shall win,

Jesus and I.

Let every embryo evangelist and expositor mark this well: "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonorest thou God?" (Rom. 2:21-23).

Surely that is something about the preacher's path of personal piety. The preacher who sincerely desires to walk that way will discover that there is sanctifying power in the Name not only for himself but also for those to whom he is called to minister. "Let ev-

eryone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

I saw God wash the world last night

With His sweet showers on high,

Then when morning came,

I saw Him hang it out to dry.

He flung the showers upon the hills,

And upon the tumbling sea;

He sprinkled liquid diamonds in the rills,

And washed each trembling tree.

Now the white rose is purer white,

And the red rose is more red;

Since God has washed each fragrant face,

And put them all to bed.

I saw God wash the world last night,

I wish He had washed me;

Clean of all inside dirt and dust

As He washed the old birch tree.

Finally,

There Is Shame in the Name

We see something of that in the announcement of Ananias to Saul, "I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." That is the shame of the Name. We get that thought on the Damascus road. Saul shouts, "Who art thou, Lord?" The answer is, "I am Jesus" (not of Bethlehem, nor Jerusalem, but) "of Nazareth." That is the shame of the Name. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Saul, a proud Pharisee who had sat at the feet of Gamaliel, is now to sit at the feet of the lowly Nazarene.

If these Bible school graduates are ever to keep true to the Bible, they will soon discover they must suffer shame for the Name. These are days when many ministers have turned from the old truths. Men have deserted the old foundations and are building their hopes on fancy, philosophy, and frenzy. Those who believe and proclaim the old evangel will be ostracized, counted as simple, excommunicated. You young folk will soon discover that the servant is not greater than his Lord. They perse-

cuted Him, and they will deal likewise with you.

Dare! brother, dare!
Midst the glare of the new;
To the faith of the past
That has weathered the blast,
Dare to be true.

Some will be going far afield to serve the Lord. Amid the horrors of heathenism you will learn something of the shame of the Name. For His sake you will learn something of physical discomfort, of disease, and perhaps drink death's cup. Men don't often hear the call to die for the sake and the shame of the Name these days. Yet we have our modern martyrs. We think of Tylee laying down his life in South America. The martyrdom of the Stams in China is fresh in our memory. They suffered shame for the Name. If we genuinely follow in Christ's path we see bloodmarks all the way. Think of the pioneers in the path of peril.

A glorious band, the chosen few
On whom the Spirit came;
Twelve valiant saints their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flames:
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the death to feel:
Who follows in their train?

So my prayer is that these young people may so practice the Name, and so preach the Name, that multitudes of men and women, at home and far afield, may learn to love and lisp the precious Name of Jesus.

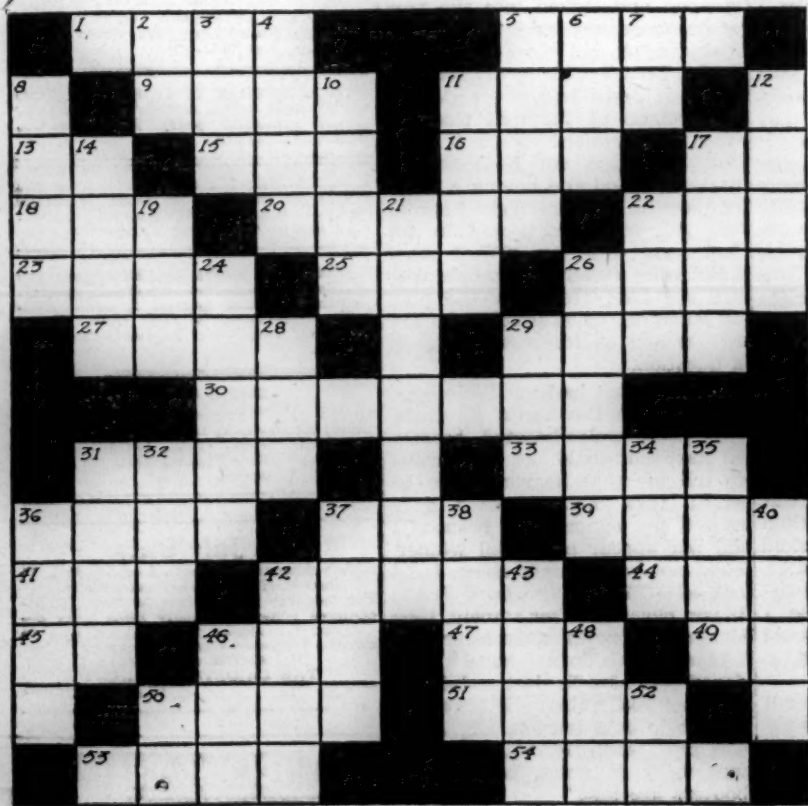
Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.

I would thy boundless love proclaim,
With every fleeting breath;
So shall the music of that Name,
Refresh my soul in death.

— THE END —

Puzzle Fan Writes From Spain!

By Aunt Neva



Today we received three puzzle answers from a Sword subscriber in Spain. His answers were complete and correct and he won a prize. We're glad to hear from puzzle fans from other parts of the world, too. Some have come from folks in England, South America, Africa and just about every state in our own U.S.A.

We appreciate your notes and letters. Some of you think the puzzles are too hard; others think they are hard, but like them that way. We want to keep them interesting, but try to give you enough helps to enable you to find the answers. Why don't you take a little time out from your busy day and sit down and give it a try. You'll need to look up some Bible references, check with your dictionary or, maybe ask your neighbor a question or two. Whatever it is, it will be fun as well as enlightening.

For your efforts this week, we have for you an inspiring little booklet of 64 pages written by D. L. Moody, *Heaven and How to Get There*.

Follow these rules:

1. Fill in the empty blanks according to the clues given. Answers must be complete and correct.

2. PRINT (not write) your own name and address in the blank below the puzzle and mail to: Aunt Neva, PUZZLE EDITOR, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Wheaton, Illinois. We cannot return your entries. If you do not

CLEWS ACROSS

- Nephew of David, who was slain at Solomon's command (I Ki. 2:29)
- King of Israel anointed by Samuel. He committed suicide.
- The River; the western boundary of the Promised Land
- Pronoun or adjective
- Exist
- Sceptre
- The foolish virgins took none with them
- Egyptian God of the Sun
- One of David's chief rulers. (II Sam. 20:26)
- Christ spoke to his mother "—, behold thy son"
- Preposition (Contraction)
- Made music. "The morning stars—together"
- Half way between
- Hastens
- Agitate
- "Wisdom cannot be gotten for it"
- City of Sihon, king of the Amorites (Num. 21:26)
- Trodden
- Disown, Peter thrice disowned Christ
- It is taken out of the earth
- The number of virgins in the parable
- Period of time
- Samson found some of these insects in a lion's carcass
- Staple and refreshing fruit of Egypt and Palestine
- Prefix meaning "thrice"
- Note
- Bilham's son (Gen. 30:5, 6)
- Stone container for water
- Denial
- Harbor
- Rabbit with very long ears
- The well for which Isaac's and Gerah's herdsmen strove
- Sacred lyric

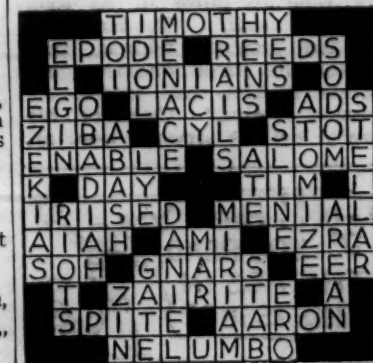
CLEWS DOWN

- Preposition
- Necessity of life
- Moses, in his beautiful song, thanked God that He did—with His wind, and the enemy was destroyed
- Fore part of the leg
- Trouble
- Pronoun
- A bird sacred to the ancient Egyptians (I— —)
- The land of Esau
- A useful leaping amphibian, very common in Palestine
- "He openeth the—of men." (Job 33:16)

- Ages
- An ancient Jewish measure of six cubits
- "Consider her ways and be wise." (Prov. 6:6)
- One of the chief princes who helped Daniel. (Dan. 10:13)
- The contents of the widow's cruse did not fail her. (I Ki. 17:16)
- A river of Ethiopia; one boundary of Paradise (Gen. 2:13)
- The prophetic roll which Ezekiel ate, tasted like this
- Sea between Arabia and Africa
- The Creator
- That about which Nebuchadnezzar dreamed, and Daniel interpreted his vision
- Animal, often mentioned for its swiftness
- Jesus likened the Kingdom of Heaven to it. (Matt. 13:47)
- An import from Egypt, which Solomon gave to his merchants for a price
- Son of Merari; house of Aaron (I Chr. 24:27)
- The abode of man in early Bible times
- A city called Memphis
- Disturbance of the public peace
- Nephew of Barnabas, who wrote one of the Gospels
- Son of Lamech, who found grace with God
- Gentle, timid animal
- Test. "The fire shall—every man's work, of what sort it is"
- The book of the Bible which extends over a thousand years of national life, from Moses to Malachi (Abbr.)
- Emmanuel (Abbr.)

Answers to Puzzle Number 31:

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wish to cut up your paper, you may print the answers on another sheet of paper. Please print the answers according to the clue numbers.

3. To receive the booklet, *Heaven and How to Get There*, your entry must be postmarked by midnight, JULY 28, 1956. If your paper is late, please send the answer and give us the date your paper arrived. The answer to puzzle number 33 will appear in August 3 issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

"Sir, We Would See Jesus"

(Continued from page 1)

And we are told, "And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully." Then Jesus said that salvation had come that day to the house of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus had his longing fulfilled! Zacchaeus found the answer to his cravings, found what all his riches could never give! He was one of those whose hearts cried out, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

None of the disciples believed that the woman at the well of Sychar was a good prospect for the gospel. None of the apostles expected her to be saved. She was a Samaritan for one thing, and she lived in sin for another, and they did not dream of trying to break down the barrier of prejudice that separated Samaritans and Jews. But this very woman, no doubt, and other hungry hearts of the town, were the reason why we are told in John 4:4, "And he must needs go through Samaria." No sooner had the matter been cleared up that one was to worship God in truth, that is, in the heart, until she mentioned her longing for the Messiah, and Jesus was ready to say, "I that speak unto thee am he" (John 4:26). She needed no pleading! A thousand times she had longed for a way out of her shameful life, a way to peace of heart, forgiveness of sins, and a hope of salvation. On the spot she was instantly converted and ran to tell others, and brought the whole town, nearly, out to see Jesus. And many were saved before they got to Him, so hungry were their hearts!

That only illustrates forcibly the Saviour's word that "the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few," in Luke 10:2, or His statement at that very time about the little town of Sychar, that "behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). Hundreds of hearts in that little Samaritan town longed and cried out, as soon as they knew about Jesus, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

It is true that many sought Jesus for healing and many to hear His teaching and many from idle curiosity. But underneath the idle curiosity or the selfish desires of the people was this hunger in the hearts of many for God and peace and salvation. God's Holy Spirit had spoken to them. Their need called for Him. They needed Jesus. As soon as they well knew about Him they wanted Him!

How wonderful is the story of Cornelius and his household as related in the tenth chapter of Acts. Here was a man who prayed, who fasted, who gave his money, who sought God with all his heart. His was no satisfied formalism. His was no heathen nor man-made religion. His was the sincere seeking of a contrite heart after God. There were no Christians near, so God sent an angel from Heaven to tell him to send over to the town of Joppa and there get Simon Peter to come and tell him words whereby he and his household could be saved!

I have chuckled many times at Peter's report of how Cornelius and his household were saved. Peter said, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15). Peter, as he made that long journey to see Cornelius, had plenty of time to think about the sermon he would preach. He would start out with this theme—that all the Old Testament prophecies showed that the Saviour would come and that when one should put his trust in this Saviour, his sins would be forgiven. But Peter only stated his theme; he never got time to prove it. As soon as Peter said, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins," Cornelius, his family and his servants were all

saved! No one had to warn them of the danger of delay! No one had to plead with them to surrender! All they needed was just that someone should tell them how to trust in Christ and be saved! The rest of Peter's sermon could be saved for another time!

An unhappy heart is often found in the midst of violence and blasphemy. That poor jailer who thrust Paul and Silas into the inner prison, made their feet fast in stocks and locked them up without their supper, did not act like a man obsessed with the sense of his guilt, a man longing to be saved, but evidently that was the state of his heart. And there when he had heard Paul and Silas pray and sing Psalms, or when he was suddenly waked by the earthquake, he could find peace no longer, but inquired of Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" It was simple to tell him, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house," and the whole family was saved that night, was baptized, and rejoiced in the Lord. That wicked heart was a white harvest, though one would hardly have suspected it. In the most unlikely places people are hungry for God and want salvation.

Oh, do you suppose that when Jesus told the story of the lost sheep, there was no one who realized he was lost? Doesn't a poor sheep, bleating away in the dark, know he is lost? When Jesus told about the boy who played the fool and went into a far country and wasted his substance with harlots, and came to the hog-pen of poverty and shame and want—do you suppose that He did not know the longing of multitudes of human hearts? Do you suppose that one who has played about the fool, wasted his money, ruined his health, brought shame and disgrace on his family, does not know when he comes to the hog-pen that he is a fool? Jesus said, "The harvest truly is great."

Multitudes Today Can Easily Be Won

As it was in Bible times, so it is today. There are millions of sinners who would rejoice with great joy today if they knew how to have peace and forgiveness and salvation! Many see that sin leads to present ruin and eternal damnation. Many see that the wages of sin is death and that the way of the transgressor is hard.

One day on a Santa Fe train to Kansas City, I descended from my upper berth in the Pullman car, and after bathing and dressing, sat in the lounge car. "Some one may think I am showing off my religion," I thought, but after some hesitation, I opened my brief case and took out my Bible and began my morning readings. I had a specially good time in the eighth chapter of Romans, considering especially verse 32, and then I went into the dining car to eat my breakfast. Other men waited in line with me, and then three of us were assigned to the same table. I put my Bible under my seat. When I left, I noticed that one man, who had sat across the table from me, followed. I could find not a single seat in the coaches and I went back through the diner to the lounge car and the stranger followed me. When I found a seat, he sat beside me. At last, rather puzzled, I spoke to him and he said, "I saw you had a Bible. Are you a minister?" He was hesitant. He seemed to feel I might not like to talk about the matter. I assured him that I was a minister and immediately I asked him, "Are you a Christian?"

"No, I am not," he said, "and I am in awful trouble. I have just lost my wife and she is on this train. I am taking her back to California where her father is a minister. She was a good Christian. She was too good for this world. Now if I could only know that she had forgiven me for any lack on my part and that I could meet her in Heaven, I would be so happy!"

I need not tell you that there in the club car we went through Scripture after Scripture, making clear the plan of salvation. He came to his decision plainly and

boldly and gripped my hand hard. His companion sat across the aisle facing us, and men all around us knew what was going on. All seemed reverent and this poor, brokenhearted man was unashamed as he thanked me again and again. I feel sure that he was genuinely converted.

Throughout the day, as I went on to speak at Newton, Kansas, I was filled half with shame and half with joy. I was ashamed, so ashamed, that I did not beat him to it, that I did not make the way easy. But oh, how glad I was that he ran me down, in a fashion, to get me to tell him how to be saved!

Do you think that is so unusual? In July of the year this was written, in a Brooklyn tent campaign, my daughter Grace helped in morning services for children. She thought that with these Catholic and Jewish children she must go slowly until they learned some of the fundamentals of the gospel, so they would not be frightened away. But after a day or two or three, she told the story of salvation and how we could know our sins were forgiven and that we were born again, children of God, through faith in Jesus Christ. Then she asked the little group, "Is there any one here who cares to be a Christian? Wouldn't you like to receive Jesus into your heart and trust Him to save your soul and forgive your sins?"

A little girl held her hand. Suddenly a bright little fellow held up his hand and said, "Well, Miss Grace, it seems to me that all of us ought to get that settled right away. Why couldn't we do that right now?"

Grace agreed that it would be a good thing to have it settled right now, and with the Scripture before them, this boy and others trusted the Saviour and claimed Him openly and seemed very happy about it. Then he held his hand again and when permitted to speak he said, "Why, Miss Grace, isn't it strange that none of us thought of that before! We ought to have done this yesterday or before that, the first day! Why didn't you think of it before, Miss Grace?" Those children from Jewish and Catholic homes in Brooklyn had the same sense of their need for God, their need for forgiveness and salvation as intelligent children everywhere else have when the matter is brought to their attention.

A flood of memories comes to my mind. In Dallas, Texas, an old man eighty-two years old heard me on the radio and wrote a card, saying, "The doctor says I am dying with cancer. I can't last long. Will you come and help me to get ready to die?" Two weeks later, when a young preacher went to call upon him, they had carried him to his funeral! The lack there was not in the harvest. The harvest was truly great and ready and the fields were white! The trouble was with the labourers. Oh, God give us reapers!

The president of a senior class in a Texas college was the son of a Baptist deacon. He attended Sunday school each Sunday morning, young peoples' meeting each Sunday evening, and went to both morning and evening preaching services each Sunday. He deliberately elected courses in Bible and consistently made the highest grade in the class, higher even than young ministers. When I asked him, in his senior year, "Herbert, don't you want to be a Christian?" he replied, "Of course I want to be a Christian! How could I be the kind of man I want to be if I am not a Christian?"

And after he was saved he wept on my shoulder and said, "Nobody cared whether I was saved or not!" Let those who think sinners are all so hardened and unreachable ponder his case. Multitudes of people know they can never be what they themselves long to be, until they are converted.

In the Capitol Hotel in Amarillo, Texas, late one Sunday night after the evening service, three other preachers and I were in one room when the telephone rang, and a man in another room asked for somebody to pray for him. We asked him to come down to our room and he came. He had made \$26,000 the previous year, but his wife had quit him because of his drinking, life had become unbear-

able, and he had tried three times to commit suicide. I will never forget how the tears fell on the carpet and that young man, less than thirty, prayed, "O, God, help me to be the good boy my mother wanted me to be!" His pitiful confession of sin, his contrite pleading for mercy, his glad acceptance of the Saviour, remind me that all about us are multitudes who could be won if only we went after them.

I preached in the Evansville Rescue Mission, Evansville, Indiana, one Sunday afternoon on the duty of soul winning. A registered nurse went to the Welburn-Walker Hospital to night duty and said in her heart, "Brother Rice says I have blood on my hands! Oh, I have sinned in not warning people. I must try to win somebody tonight." In the first room she went to and asked, "Are you a Christian?" the woman sat bolt upright in bed and began to weep. She had had a major operation, but her fever did not go down. She would not sleep at night and the night before she had not even allowed the nurse to turn out the light in her room. Now she told the nurse that it was not the operation, it was not her health, but her heart felt so guilty that she was afraid she would go to Hell if she went to sleep. "Oh, if I only had somebody to pray for me!" she said. I came the next morning, and have never seen a more eager case. How gladly she seized on the story of salvation, as a drowning man clutches a straw, or as a starving man reaches for bread! She was wonderfully saved, as soon as she could understand how simple it was to trust in Jesus Christ.

No doubt there are thousands, some of them very near to you, whose hearts cry out, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

"Down in the human heart,
crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace
can restore.

Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken may
vibrate once more.

"Rescue the perishing,
Care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful,
Jesus will save."

May God give us grace to rescue the perishing!

Anyone Who Shows His Concern for Sinners May Win Souls

What if the Saviour had not stopped and looked into the tree at Zacchaeus and said, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house"? What if Jesus had never showed the woman at the well that He was the Messiah? What if Paul and Silas had not been singing praises to God and having a prayer-meeting that midnight hour in the jail? You see, people do not just come and say, "What must I do to be saved?" to people who are not likely to know the plan of salvation, or to people who are not known as interested in such a question.

If I had not had my Bible open that day on the Santa Fe train, that poor, brokenhearted, bereaved husband would not have come to tell me that he wanted to be saved. How many times I have missed my opportunity because I did not appear as a soul winner. I did not let my light shine, I did not advertise for the Lord Jesus! If you never go after sinners, then sinners will never come after you, I fear. If you do not have a burdened heart for the lost and dying, it is not likely they will reveal to you their own burden. Oh, Jesus was right when He said, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few."

I have received hundreds of letters from people who write to tell me that they want to be saved. And by following up after I had written to make the matter plain to their hearts, I have found that

many of these have turned out to be wonderful Christians. Why did they not speak to a pastor in their community? Surely most of them had some loved one who was a professing Christian. Why not ask them? Oh, too often poor sinners dare not mention their hunger and their need to their dearest loved ones and friends. Perhaps they are afraid of a smile; perhaps they feel we would not be interested. No doubt they often wonder whether we would know the answer to their questions. Why should people ask us about the Lord Jesus, unless it is quite clear that we know Him and love Him and can easily tell the way to Him?

"Sir, we would see Jesus," a hungry-hearted host cries out, unrecognized, around us. Most of them never put it into words. Some of them do not themselves understand what it is they need and long for. But uncounted millions could be won, if only Christian people would set out, with loving compassion, to urge upon all about us the need for salvation and forgiveness, and to make clear to all that salvation is free and received only by trusting in Jesus as Saviour.

Dear reader, is your concern for sinners so obvious that sinners feel free to talk to you about the Saviour? Oh, the way they flocked about the Saviour, these publicans and harlots and sinners! May we love them, too, as He did, and may our seeking love make us ready to bring them to Jesus, who is the answer to the cry of every sad and broken heart, every sin-sick soul.

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